

Percent of Time

A father and son were eating lunch one day and the father was in the process of paying the bill when his son asked, "Dad, why do you give the waiter 15% and at church you only give GOD 10%?" This son asked his father a very-thought provoking question.

The focus of this article is not how much we put in the collection plate, but an evaluation of how much of our time and lives we give God. When we add the amount of time spent attending all the weekly church services, it totals only four hours a week. Should our sacrifice to God end there, or should it continue throughout the rest of the week?

God gave all of us the same amount of time. We each have 24 hours in a day. How we spend that time is the question. I Thessalonians 5:17 says, "pray without ceasing." Even though we all have the same number of hours in each day, we don't know how many days we have left. James said, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time; and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

Each one of us should evaluate ourselves daily concerning those things that are of a spiritual nature. We sometime allow ourselves to get so wrapped up in the daily routine of life, we forget to concentrate on the things that really matter to God. Our focus should be on spiritual and not merely material things. May we let our lights shine that others may see that we are Christians.

For the elders,
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